

## **DRIVER'S LICENSING AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

*(Q) Can a foreign-born spouse with German license plates get gas coupons?*

(A) You must have a U.S. Army Europe vehicle registration to purchase gas coupons. Servicemembers married to foreign-born spouses should get USAREUR license plates for their vehicles, if they want to get gas coupons for those vehicles.

*(Q) When is the best time for a spouse to take the written driver's license test?*

(A) Spouses should attempt to get driver's licenses as soon as they arrive in country. The sponsor's presence is not mandatory for a spouse to get a driver's license. Spouses can go to their local driver's licensing offices to pick up a copy of the study guide. Drivers applying for licenses must sign up for an appointment to take a two-hour block of instruction and written driver's license test, as well as have current insurance coverage and a copy of the vehicle registration with their name on it.

*(Q) Can a spouse get a USAREUR driver's license if he does not have a valid stateside driver's license?*

(A) No, a USAREUR driver's license cannot be issued to an individual who does not have a valid stateside driver's license. A USAREUR driver's license can only be issued for the same class of vehicle listed on the stateside driver's license. Those who do not have a stateside driver's license must return to the States to have a license issued or take a German driver's license class.

*(Q) Can a person from the United States drive a USAREUR-plated vehicle without a USAREUR driver's license?*

(A) Yes. The person must have the following to drive a USAREUR-plated vehicle without a USAREUR driver's license: (1) An international driver's license from the States; (2) A stateside driver's license valid for the class of vehicle they will drive in Germany, and (3) An exception to policy from the military police customs agency. In order to complete the exception to policy, applicants need the items listed in number 1 and 2 above. In addition, they need the license plate number of the vehicle they wish to operate, and must provide information about the duration of their stay. The exception to policy is normally given for a period of 90 days.

*(Q) What will happen if both the sponsor and spouse's names are not on a vehicle registration certificate and the sponsor deploys? Can a name be added during the deployment?*

(A) The servicemember should ensure both names are on the vehicle registration in order for the spouse to receive gasoline coupons, but

yes, a spouse can add his name to the registration with a Power of Attorney.